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SUMMARY: IN A SPEECH TO ATTENDEES OF AN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC  
DISCUSSION OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER POINTED  
TO THE NEED TO TAKE ACTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
GOVERNMENT. DISAGREEMENT AMONG DANISH PARLIAMENTARIANS AT A DIS-  
CUSSION SESSION ON WHAT DENMARK COULD DO TO MEET THE AIMS OF THE  
SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS DEMONSTRATED THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED  
IN ACHIEVING A CONSENSUS FOR ACTION. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MARCH 17, DANISH PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN  
ADDRESSED THE OPENING SESSION OF A TWO-DAY PUBLIC  
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HEARING ON SOUTH AFRICA. THE HEARING WAS ARRANGED BY THE DANISH  
LABOR SOLIDARITY FOUNDATION, THE DANISH UN ASSOCIATION, THE JOINT  
DANISH YOUTH COUNCIL, THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACTION GROUP, AND THE DANISH  
PEACE CORPS (MELLEMFOLKELIGT SAMVIRKE). THE MEETING WAS REPORTED-  
LY AN INAUGURATION HERE OF THE UN-ORGANIZED INTERNATIONAL ANTI-  
APARTHEID YEAR WHICH BEGINS MARCH 21.

2. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE HEARINGS DREW AREPRESENTATIVES OF POLITICAL AND LABOR GROUPS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA INCLUDING OLIVER TAMBO, PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS; JOHN GAETSWE, UNION LEADER; H. HISHINGWA, SWAPO; ABDUL MINTY OF THE BRITISH ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT; AND E.S. REDDY, LEADER OF THE UN ANTIAPARTHEID CENTER.

3. IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN IS REPORTED AS SAYING "WE CANNOT, FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE, AND BECAUSE OF OUR SOLIDARITY WITH THE OPPRESSED, ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE PASSIVE OBSERVERS OF THE CATASTROPHIC COURSE FOLLOWED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT." HE IS FURTHER QUOTED AS SAYING "IF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT COMPLETELY CHANGE ITS POLICY, A VIOLENT AND DESTRUCTIVE SHOWDOWN IN SOUTH AFRICA IS UNAVOIDABLE. OUR PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA IS A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS A PEACEFUL SOLUTION BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE."

4. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LISE OSTERGAARD ALSO ADDRESSED THE MEETING, EMPHASIZING IN HER REMARKS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ANTI-APARTHEID PROGRAM RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS AS WELL AS THE EC CODE OF CONDUCT.

5. THE MARCH 18 EDITION OF THE DAILY AKTUEL (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC) REPORTS THAT THOMAS NIELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE DANISH TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO) ANNOUNCED THAT THE LO WILL GIVE AN ADDITIONAL 50,000 DKR (ALMOST \$9000) TO THE ICFTU (FREE LABOR INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ORGANIZATION) FOR ITS WORK IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE ADDITIONAL SUM BRINGS LO'S CONTRIBUTION TO THAT GROUP TO MORE THAN ONE-QUARTER MILLION KRONER (ABOUT \$45,000).

6. A PANEL DISCUSSION AMONG DANISH PARLIAMENTARIANS RESULTED IN OVERHWLEMING AGREEMENT ON THE NEED TO TAKE ALMOST ANY AVAILABLE ACTION TO AID IN GIVING INCREASED POWER TO BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE DISCUSSION BROKE DOWN HOWEVER OVER THE SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE USED. THE COMMUNIST PARTICIPANT OBSERVED THAT, AS IS TRUE IN MOST AREAS, THERE IS A GAP BETWEEN WORDS AND DEEDS IN THE DANISH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA.  
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